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1 On page 2, at the beginning of line 16, strike "(1) "At-large
2 method of election" and insert "(1) "Alternative proportional voting
3 method" means any at-large election that includes one of the
4 following methods of voting for multiple members of the governing
5 body of a political subdivision:

6 (a) Limiting the number of votes a voter is entitled to cast to
7 fewer than there are positions to elect;

8 (b) Cumulating the number of votes a voter is entitled to cast
9 for each position, and allowing the voter to cast the total number
10 of votes in favor of a single candidate or to distribute the total
11 number of votes among multiple candidates; or

12 (c) Voting in a single transferable vote where voters rank each
13 candidate in order of preference, with their vote counting towards
14 the highest ranked candidate, and preferences allocated among other
15 candidates who are not elected on first place votes.

16 (2) "At-large election"

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18 Renumber the remaining subsections consecutively and correct
19 any internal references accordingly.

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21 On page 4, line 6, after "at-large" strike "method of"

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23 On page 4, line 20, after "system" insert "or an alternative
24 proportional voting method"

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26 On page 5, after line 39, insert the following:

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1 "(7) A political subdivision may eliminate the staggered terms
2 of any position in order to implement an alternative proportional
3 voting method."

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5 On page 6, line 5, after "system" insert "or an alternative
6 proportional voting method"

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8 On page 7, after line 2, insert the following:

9 "(d) The remedy may provide for a political subdivision to
10 eliminate the staggered terms of any position in order to implement an
11 alternative proportional voting method."

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13 On page 9, line 20, after "election" strike "as defined in section
14 3(2)" and insert "system or an alternative proportional voting method
15 as defined in section 3"

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17 On page 10, line 13, after "system" strike "as defined in section
18 3(2)" and insert "or an alternative proportional voting method as
19 defined in section 3"

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21 On page 10, line 28, after "system" strike "as defined in section
22 3(2)" and insert "or an alternative proportional voting method as
23 defined in section 3"

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EFFECT:

- (1) Adds a definition for "alternative proportional voting methods" that includes limited, cumulative, and single transferrable voting used in multi-member at-large elections;
- (2) Includes alternative proportional voting methods along with district-based elections that are referred to as permissible alternative voting systems to remedy disproportional voting issues;
- (3) Allows political subdivisions to eliminate staggered terms in order to implement an alternative proportional voting method;
- (4) Provides authorization for alternative proportional voting methods for certain political subdivisions where specific authorization for district-based elections is also provided.

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